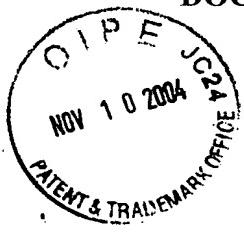


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL PURSUANT
TO 37 CFR § 1.114**

(Note - RCE practice is not available to United States applications with a filing date prior to June 8, 1995 or United States National Phase Applications where entry into the national phase is from an International Application filed prior to June 8, 1995. However, if a Continued Prosecution Application was filed after June 8, 1995 in one of the above-identified applications, RCE practice would then be permitted on that application)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

- Previously submitted
- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on May 10, 2004. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- Other:

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- Amendment/Reply under 37 CFR § 1.116
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other:

2. Miscellaneous

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three (3) months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

FEE CALCULATION:

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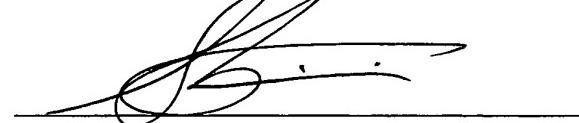
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- A response to the dated was due on . Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time period for response from

to and through comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of month(s).

- A Notice of Appeal was filed June 10, 2004. An Appeal Brief is due on August 10, 2004. Applicants are filing this Request for Continued Examination in lieu of this Appeal Brief. Petition is hereby made to extend the time period from August 10, 2004 to and through November 10, 2004 comprising a total extension of three (3) month(s).
- The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.
- The Commission is hereby authorized to charge payment of the above fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. This sheet is attached in duplicate.

SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

Date: November 10, 2004



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